



General Assembly

***Substitute Bill No. 6585***

*January Session, 2011*

\*       HB06585ED\_APP032411       \*

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT AGE AND  
NOTIFICATION OF FAILING STUDENTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Section 10-184 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2       following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

3       All parents and those who have the care of children shall bring them  
4       up in some lawful and honest employment and instruct them or cause  
5       them to be instructed in reading, writing, spelling, English grammar,  
6       geography, arithmetic and United States history and in citizenship,  
7       including a study of the town, state and federal governments. Subject  
8       to the provisions of this section and section 10-15c, each parent or other  
9       person having control of a child five years of age and over and under  
10      eighteen years of age shall cause such child to attend a public school  
11      regularly during the hours and terms the public school in the district in  
12      which such child resides is in session, unless such child is a high school  
13      graduate or the parent or person having control of such child is able to  
14      show that the child is elsewhere receiving equivalent instruction in the  
15      studies taught in the public schools. [For the school year commencing  
16      July 1, 2011, and each school year thereafter, the parent or person  
17      having control of a child seventeen years of age may consent, as  
18      provided in this section, to such child's withdrawal from school. Such  
19      parent or person shall personally appear at the school district office

20 and sign a withdrawal form. Such withdrawal form shall include an  
21 attestation from a guidance counselor or school administrator of the  
22 school that such school district has provided such parent or person  
23 with information on the educational options available in the school  
24 system and in the community.] The parent or person having control of  
25 a child five years of age shall have the option of not sending the child  
26 to school until the child is six years of age and the parent or person  
27 having control of a child six years of age shall have the option of not  
28 sending the child to school until the child is seven years of age. The  
29 parent or person shall exercise such option by personally appearing at  
30 the school district office and signing an option form. The school district  
31 shall provide the parent or person with information on the educational  
32 opportunities available in the school system.

33 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-223a of the general statutes is  
34 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
35 *July 1, 2011*):

36 (a) On or before July 1, 2000, each local and regional board of  
37 education shall review and revise its policies for promotion from grade  
38 to grade and for graduation in order to ensure that such policies foster  
39 student achievement, reduce the incidence of social promotion and  
40 meet the requirements of this section. On and after said date, such  
41 policies shall: (1) Include objective criteria for the promotion and  
42 graduation of students, (2) provide for the measuring of the progress  
43 of students against such criteria and the reporting of such information  
44 to parents and students, (3) include alternatives to promotion such as  
45 transition programs, [and] (4) provide for supplemental services, and  
46 such policies may require students who have substantial academic  
47 deficiencies that jeopardize their eligibility for promotion or  
48 graduation to attend after school programs, summer school or other  
49 programs offered by the school district that are designed to assist  
50 students in remedying such deficiencies, and (5) require the principal  
51 of a school to notify, in writing or electronically, the parent or guardian  
52 of a student in grades six to twelve, inclusive, enrolled at such school

53 that such student is in danger of failing a course or courses at the  
54 middle of the marking period for the school or at least six weeks before  
55 the grade for such course or courses is finalized, whichever occurs  
56 sooner.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                     |            |
| Section 1   | <i>July 1, 2011</i> | 10-184     |
| Sec. 2  | <i>July 1, 2011</i> | 10-223a(a) |

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*Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

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